(a) whether it is a fact that Government have urged all large industrial units in the country to adopt energy saving technology while processing petroleum products;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to use of outdated technology and equipments in the processing of petroleum products, the country is losing crores of rupees annually; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Large industrial units have been urged to adopt energy saving technology. Various measures are under implementation to promote development, standardisation and use of fuel-efficient equipment, devices and technology; replacement of outdated and inefficient ones; creation of mass awareness for oil conservation, imparting of education and training to target groups of oil users, conducting of energy audits and oil use studies, etc.

Calcination Plants

3171. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that calcination plant located in Barauni and Begusarai, run by private party does not utilise the raw materials (calcine coke) alloted to it;

(b) if so, what are the details of raw coke supplied in this case and quantum of sale of finished goods, including sales tax accounts; whether it is a fact that the raw coke supplied in this case and sold in black market; and

(c) whether Government propose to institute an inquiry into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). There are four private parties whom IOC supplies RPC in the area of Barauni and Begusari. Details are as follows:—

Calciners	1991-92 Aprli/ Jan. Actual/ supplies (MT)
Bihar Carbon . .	5635
Neo Carbon . .	3977
Maniyar Metal . .	6007
UHC Tilrath . .	9581

It has been reported by IOC that they are not aware of any sale of RPC by the calcining units.

Transfer of ONGC's responsibilties to Gas Authority of India Limited

3172. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to hand over Oil and Natural Gas Commission's gas processing, transportation and marketing to the Gas Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that scientific and technical officers of Oil and Natural Gas Commission's Southern Region have opposed the move; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A M.O.U. has been entered into between ONGC and GAIL according to which some gas transportation and marketing assets of ONGC would be transferred to GAIL.

(c) and (d) Various representations have been received from time to time and have been taken into consideration while implementing the decision.